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SUBJECT: UNESCO 97TH EXBD: US EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON  
ITEM 4.1.1

1. FOLLOWING TEXT STATEMENT MADE BY PERMREP IN EXPLAN-  
ATION "NO" VOTE ITEM 4.1.1:

THE US VOTED AGASINT THE TWO RESOLUTIONS JUST ADOPTED  
FOR REASONS OUTLINED BY THE US EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER  
GORDON SCHERER MAY 9 AND REFLECTED IN PARAGRAPH 9 OF  
THE REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME COMMISSION. THESE TWO  
RESOLUTIONS DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION IN  
A MEETING THIS YEAR OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS AND IN A  
MINISTERIAL LEVEL CONFERENCE IN 1976 TO DEVELOP A CON-  
VENTION ON THE RECOGNITION OF HIGHER STUDIES AND  
DEGREES BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN AND ARAB STATES BOR-  
DERING ON THE MEDITERRANEAN. THE BASIC REASON FOR OUR  
VOTE AGAINST THESE TWO RESOLUTIONS IS BECAUSE THE PRO-  
POSED LIST OF INVITEES INCLUDED ALL THE UNESCO MEMBER  
STATES BORDERING ON THE MEDITERRANEAN EXCEPT ISRAEL.

WE ARE ALL FULLY AWARE OF THE BROADER POLITICAL ISSUES  
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WHICH INHIBITED THE INCLUSION OF ISRAEL AND OF THE

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WHICH DISCOURAGED ISRAEL'S EARLIER  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST. THE RESULTING ANOMALOUS  
SITUATION CLEARLY STEMS FROM THE IMPOSITION OF POLITI-  
CAL CONFLICTS ON WHAT SHOULD OTHERWISE BE A NORMAL TYPE  
OF COLLABORATION AMONG STATES IN THE SAME AREA. AS  
SUCH, WE ARE CONVINCED IT IS AT VARIANCE WITH UNESCO'S  
BASIC PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES.

IT SHOULD NOW BE OUR OBJECTIVE, GIVEN THE PURPOSES OF  
UNESCO TO WHICH WE ARE DEDICATED, TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE  
PRINCIPLE WHICH THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ENDORSED LAST  
FALL; THAT IS "THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE WHEREBY EVERY  
MEMBER STATE HAS THE RIGHT AND DUTY TO PARTICIPATE FULLY  
AND REGULARLY IN THE ORGANIZATION'S REGIONAL AND  
INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES." I BELIEVE THAT THE FIRST  
STEP IN THIS DIRECTION IS THE STEP THIS BOARD HAS MADE  
UNDER THE ABLE LEADERSHIP OF ITS CHAIRMAN AND WITH THE  
DEDICATED EFFORTS OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL. THAT IS THE  
ACHIEVEMENT OF AN ATMOSPHERE AT THIS SESSION OF THE  
BOARD OF TOLERANCE AND BUSINESS-LIKE ATTENTION TO UNESCO  
OBJECTIVES. THE NEXT STEPS, AND THERE MUST BE FURTHER  
STEPS, WILL REQUIRE MORE OF US: IMAGINATION, RESTRAINT,  
DIALOGUE, AND PATIENCE. I TRUST THAT THEY SHALL NOT BE  
FOUND LACKING AMONG US.  
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